

roots movement that cut across race and class. We learned how to empower and engage our communities so that our voices would be heard and our issues addressed.

In the 25 years since Rev. Jackson's historic run for the Presidency, America has witnessed monumental changes culminating in our Nation electing the first African American President. Much remains to be done in this great Nation to achieve the American Dream, but Rev. Jackson's example of perseverance and coalition-building continues to inspire hope and change and provide for the participation of all of those in our great democracy.

Rev. Jackson, you have shown us that if the dream can be conceived, it can be achieved. And we honor you today.

RECOVERY.GOV REPORTS FAKE JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last night, I learned that the government's own official Web site that was designed to report waste, fraud and abuse of the misnamed stimulus funds has produced a fake report.

Recovery.gov, the official administration Web site, shows that \$6 million was to create six jobs in South Carolina's fake 16th Congressional District. It shows that \$3 million couldn't even produce a single job in South Carolina's fake 43rd District.

Somehow, \$1.8 million was spent for 1.4 jobs in the fake 00 district. This would be funny, but the money belongs to the taxpayers, not the government. The administration is mocking people looking for jobs.

Americans are faced with fake districts and fake jobs. Democrats and Republicans should work together to jump-start America's economy by promoting real jobs for real, hardworking American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations, Jesse Jackson of Greenville, South Carolina.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in honor of the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., and to recognize his landmark and barrier-breaking run for the Presidency of the United States of America 25 years ago. I was his campaign Chair in the U.S. Virgin Islands and a committed delegate during both campaigns and conventions.

Although I recall those days on the platform committee, fighting for every

vote on the floor and the tears of admiration from people from every corner and segment of U.S. society when he spoke to us, what I remember most was his coming to the aid of an often cast aside, forgotten or ignored, misunderstood territory of our great Nation in our time of need.

After the devastation of Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and the ensuing negative media portrayal that our community endured in its wake, I contacted him through my DNC Black Caucus Chair, Dr. C. Delores Tucker, and Rev. Jackson came to St. Croix with an entourage that included Cicely Tyson to bolster our spirits, inspire our recovery efforts, and stave off an ill-informed Presidential declaration of martial law.

Jesse, there is so much for which we are grateful to you, but for me and the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands, we love you for always coming to the aid of those whom many look upon as the "least of these," God's people. You are doing God's work.

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CONGRATULATING ST. AGNES SCHOOL IN FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

(Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty, and staff at St. Agnes School in Fort Wright, Kentucky. St. Agnes was recently named a 2009 Blue Ribbon School. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. These schools serve as models for others throughout the Nation.

I recently had the opportunity to meet the students and faculty at St. Agnes and speak with them about their efforts to improve their school. Students and staff are unable to be here today in Washington with us because they're back in Kentucky working hard in the classroom to uphold their high standards. However, the students in Ms. Patti Conway's first-grade class sent a distinguished visitor to represent them in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Teddy to the House of Representatives and extend our congratulations to all of the students of the St. Agnes community for their outstanding achievement.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REV. JESSE JACKSON

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. We feel the presence of Rev. Jesse Jackson not only in this Chamber but in this Nation. Through nearly a half century commitment to

social and economic justice, Rev. Jackson heard the call of Dr. King and marched for civil rights and helped to make civil rights for millions of Americans a reality.

He heard the call of the prophet Isaiah early in his life and made justice the measuring line—not just social justice, but economic justice, political justice. He heard the call of Matthew and made his life about a commitment to doing for the least of the brethren; asked the question, When I was hungry, did you feed me? When I was homeless, did you shelter me?

He has been and continues to be a powerful force for economic justice in America. He has and continues to be a person who points the way—a way-shower—for jobs, for health care, for housing, for education. Let us celebrate Rev. Jesse Jackson by continuing to support his work.

THE AMTRAK SECURE TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS ACT OF 2009

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, last month, I introduced H.R. 3789, the Amtrak Secure Transportation of Firearms Act of 2009. The bipartisan legislation will permit law-abiding gun owners to legally transport firearms on Amtrak trains—just as Americans have been able to do for years on our Nation's airlines.

Currently, sportsmen who choose to travel by rail for a hunting trip are left in an impossible situation because of Amtrak's prohibitions against checking unloaded firearms in the secure baggage car. Conversely, these same gun owners are legally allowed to check guns in their luggage on our Nation's airlines, of all places. Why the double standard? Should our federally subsidized passenger rail line have more restrictive regulations than air carriers?

The Amtrak Secure Transportation of Firearms Act would require Amtrak to enact regulations similar to those the U.S. airline industry uses to regulate the secure transport of firearms on airplanes. The requirements would apply for any year that Amtrak receives a federal subsidy.

I ask my colleagues here to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO REV. JESSE JACKSON

(Mr. CONYERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as I look over the House, no one has known Jesse Jackson longer than I. I remember him coming to Detroit, I remember going to Chicago, and I remember the work that he was doing even before Dr. Martin Luther King added him to the top of his staff as a valuable assistant.

The quest that he pursued then is still the quest that he pursues now.

Over the 25 years, he hasn't changed. As a matter of fact, he has become international. I'm so proud that in our State we nominated him for President in one of his runs. Obviously, now the connection is clear—from Jackson to Obama. Rev. Jackson, we owe you this victory that we celebrate today.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

(Mr. GINGREY of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I oppose a government takeover of our Nation's health care system, like the one the House passed late in the night on Saturday, November 7. The Democratic legislation—a 1,990-page, \$1 trillion bill—will raise taxes, it will increase our national debt, and, worse, it will put government bureaucrats between patients and doctors.

I agree it's important to reform our health care system, Mr. Speaker, but this is not the way to do it. I've spent the last 10 months trying to share my perspective as a physician for over 30 years with my colleagues. This legislation that the Democrats put on the floor of the House proves that the Speaker doesn't care what practicing physicians or indeed the American public think.

This legislation is the wrong direction for America, and it is a death knell for quality care for American patients, and I'm disappointed in my colleagues who voted to pass that measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reject any government takeover of our Nation's health care system.

REV. JESSE JACKSON: A GOOD SAMARITAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I am privileged to join my colleagues this morning to celebrate a man who I call a Good Samaritan—who battled for the impoverished, those without voices, those who cannot speak for themselves. Rev. Jesse Jackson, who is with us here today, is a man of all seasons. He rescues, he discovers, he challenges. And there is no doubt in my mind that as Martin Luther King rests in peace, he is proud of Rev. Jesse Jackson. Jesse is the reason that we now can celebrate the election of President Barack Obama. But I know that he is also a man that finds problems and solves problems.

I thank him for coming to Houston, Texas, in the midst of the debacle of the Enron Company, and giving empowerment to the employee victims. As we stood outside that building and employees cried, Jackson was there with me to empower them and to give them, for the first time in history, a stake-

holder position in receiving benefits that they would not have gotten. I thank him for coming to Galveston, Texas, and announcing and analyzing that insurance companies benefited from the work of slaves, and derived their wealth from unpaid labor—he demanded reparation for the people who were taken advantage of.

This is a man who goes and seeks those who, again, cannot speak for themselves. We are gratified that he is a Good Samaritan on the battlefield, fighting for those who, again, are voiceless. We're gratified that he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000 and was the third largest Democratic vote-getter when he ran for President in 1984.

Rev. Jackson, thank you, the Good Samaritan, our Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

TERRORIST IN NEW YORK

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, can anything top this last week's lesson in absurdity and perversity? I'm talking about the administration's decision to bring Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and three other terrorist suspects from Guantanamo to New York. Absurd, because they have been charged before military tribunals, where they ought to be. Absurd, because it serves no purpose to bring them to the site of their worst action, just a stone's throw from Ground Zero. Perverse, because now, if you kill Americans on the battlefield, you will see justice done when you are captured by a military tribunal. But if instead of being a soldier on the battlefield, you attack Americans in their own home, you attack innocent Americans, you will now be privileged to get constitutional rights. The worse the terrorist, the greater the constitutional rights given to them. What a perverse action by this administration.

RECOGNIZING THE WORKS OF JESSE JACKSON

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker and Members, 1984 and 1988 were the proudest and most productive periods of my life. Jesse Jackson ran for President both in 1984 and 1988, and I served as the national co-Chair and the Chair of the California campaign. I was so pleased to be a part of the Rainbow Coalition he formed that included African Americans, Hispanics, Arab Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, family farmers, the poor and working class, homosexuals, as well as white progressives. It truly was a Rainbow Coalition.

Listen to Jesse Jackson's campaign platform. Jobs. Creating a Works Progress Administration-style program

to rebuild America's infrastructure; reversing Reaganomics-inspired tax cuts; cutting the budget of the Department of Defense by as much as 15 percent over the course of his administration; supporting family farmers by reviving many of Roosevelt's New Deal-era platforms; creating a single-payer system of universal health care; and applying stricter enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.

Jesse Jackson, thank you for the leadership that you provided. It is because of you and the hope that you created that has caused Barack Obama to be the President today.

NET NEUTRALITY VS. FREE SPEECH

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the different ways we get our information in America have changed dramatically over the last few decades. We've gone from rabbit ears on our TV sets to cable satellite dishes and broadband. In the next decades, everything—radio, television, Internet, telephones—everything will use broadband.

"Net neutrality" is a new legislative scheme cooked up by the government fairness police to ration broadband access. It's not about keeping the Internet "neutral"—it's about government control. Anybody who's ever downloaded pictures over a slow Internet connection knows that some things use more Internet bandwidth than others. Under net neutrality, a plan disguised to make Internet access fair to everybody, the government actually rations how much bandwidth people can use. No one gets more than anyone else.

If the fairness police control broadband, they limit the amount of information people receive and how they receive it. This is the newest threat to free speech in modern times. It's yet more government control over all communication and information.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING REV. JESSE JACKSON

(Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Today, I rise to recognize 25 years ago one of our leaders of this world, Rev. Jesse Jackson, ran for President. I was honored in 1988 to be a delegate when he ran again. Rev. Jackson, as was mentioned earlier, 25 years ago called for single-payer health care. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get it last week, but we're on the way to new health care competition.

He also called for increased funding for public education. Public education. Just what we need today. The Equal Rights Amendment—thank you, Rev. Jackson—has now become law. He called for a work program, an employee program, 25 years ago.